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CONGRESSIONAL STATEMENTS ON SINO-US RELATIONS

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2. PRC POLITICAL COUNSELOR LU SHUMIN MET JULY 10 WITH EAP/CM ACTING DIRECTOR STANTON TO EXPRESS CONCERN OVER A PROSPECTIVE VISIT OF THE DALAI LAMA TO WASHINGTON IN SEPTEMBER. AFTER DELIVERING HIS DEMARCHE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STANTON ASSURED LU THROUGHOUT THE CONVERSATION THAT OFFICIAL US POLICY ON RELATIONS WITH CHINA HAD NOT CHANGED. STANTON ALSO SAID THAT IT WAS IN ALL PARTIES' BEST INTERESTS FOR THE CHINESE TO RELEASE AND EXPEL HARRY WU.

END SUMMARY

PRC PROTESTS PROSPECTIVE VISIT BY THE DALAI LAMA

3. PRC POLITICAL COUNSELOR LU SHUMIN ACCCOMPANIED BY PRC SECOND SECRETARY ZHENG ZEGUANG MET WITH EAP/CM ACTING DIRECTOR BILL STANTON AND EAP/CM RICHARD LUNG TO EXPRESS CONCERN OVER A PROSPECTIVE VISIT OF THE DALAI LAMA TO THE UNITED STATES THIS SEPTEMBER. HIGHLIGHTING THE IMMINENCE

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OF THE VISIT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

4. IN RESPONSE, STANTON STATED THAT WE HAVE NOT BEEN INFORMED IN ANY FORMAL WAY OF A PLANNED VISIT BY THE DALAI LAMA. HE ALSO POLITELY DREW ATTENTION TO THE APPARENT DISCREPANCY BETWEEN HAVING A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR THE DALAI LAMA IN SEPTEMBER WHEN THE DALAI LAMA HAD JUST

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CELEBRATED HIS BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH. STANTON ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT THE US HAS ALWAYS REGARDED TIBET AS A PART OF CHINA, AND REASSURED LU THAT IN THE EVENT, THE PRESIDENT MET WITH THE DALAI LAMA AS HE HAD DONE IN THE PAST, HE WOULD RECIEVE THE DALAI LAMA ONLY AS AN IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS FIGURE AND NOBEL LAUREATE AND NOT AS A POLITICAL LEADER. WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED SPECIAL ENVOY, STANTON STATED THE ADMINISTRATION OPPOSED THIS LEGISLATION ALONG WITH OTHER UNHELPFUL RESOLUTIONS IN THE STATE AUTHORIZATION BILL. THE ADMINISTRATION HAD ALREADY INDICATED THE BILL WOULD BE VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT IF

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NECESSARY. THE BILL, HOWEVER, HAD NOT YET COME TO A VOTE.

LU PROTESTS GINGRICH FORMULATION ON RECOGNITION OF TAIWAN

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6. NOTING THAT LU UNDERSTOOD THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SYSTEM, STANTON OBSERVED THAT THE SPEAKER WAS FREE TO SAY ANYTHING HE WANTED. THE ADMINISTRATION COULD NO MORE CONTROL THE SPEAKER'S VIEWS ON TAIWAN THAN ON ANY DOMESTIC ISSUE. STANTON NOTED THE ADMINISTRATION'S FIRM OPPOSITION TO THE SPEAKER'S VIEWS ON TAIWAN. HE ALSO REAFFIRMED THE US COMMITMENT TO A ONE CHINA-POLICY, WHICH HAD NOT CHANGED DESPITE LEE TENG-HUI'S PRIVATE, UNOFFICIAL VISIT.

HONORING MADAME SOONG MEI-LING

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7.

STANTON REPLIED THAT HE WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE EVENT IN QUESTION, WHO WAS COMING FROM TAIWAN AND WHO EXACTLY FROM THE US WOULD ATTEND.

THE HARRY WU CASE

8. STANTON TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY OF LU'S DEMARCHE TO RAISE US CONCERNS ABOUT HARRY WU. NOTING THAT WE HAD FINALLY BEEN ALLOWED CONSULAR ACCESS TO HARRY WU IN WUHAN, STANTON SAID IT WAS IN EVERYONE'S BEST INTEREST TO RELEASE MR. WU AND NOT TO ALLOW THE CASE TO BECOME A SYMBOLIC AND SUBSTANTIVE FOCUS OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. STANTON EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE JUDICIARY IN CHINA WOULD HANDLE THIS MATTER EXPEDITIOUSLY BY RELEASING AND EXPELLING MR. WU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

9. LU RESPONDED THAT THE CHINESE SIDE ALSO HOPED THAT THIS CASE WOULD NOT BECOME POLITICIZED.

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